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## **Railroad Crossing Construction**

**Ladd Street & Reynolds Street, Pontiac**

Ottawa, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that work to upgrade the railroad crossing at Ladd Street and Reynolds Street in Pontiac continues. This \$2,406,647.27 contract has been awarded to Tobey's Construction and Cartage, Inc of Herscher, Illinois.

Work includes installation of storm sewers, new curb and gutters, raising the Ladd Street / Reynolds Street intersection, asphalt surfacing, and signal work at the tracks.

Work to raise the Ladd Street / Reynolds Street intersection begins on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Since the existing roadway will be removed and raised significantly during reconstruction, traffic flow will be restricted. At nearly all times, traffic will be able to move between West Reynolds Street and North Ladd Street via two open lanes. The stop signs will remain in place. At times, flaggers may be used to control traffic, as well. Semi-tractor/trailers should avoid this intersection during reconstruction.

Additionally, Ladd Street, south of the intersection, will be closed. Access to the businesses along South Ladd Street is provided by a temporary gravel lane, connecting South Ladd Street to Old Route 66. Detour signs will be erected.

It is anticipated that the roadway work in this intersection will be substantially complete by October 21, 2016.

The railroad continues to work on installing its signals, warning devices and gates. It is anticipated their work should be complete by Thanksgiving.

The bulk of the work on this project is anticipated to be completed by this Thanksgiving with only minimal work next spring. The project completion date is May 15, 2017.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and along the detour route.

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Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

(Contract #66D19)



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